

Table 1. Habitat Characteristics and Variability

HABITAT CHARACTER	VARIABILITY
TOPOGRAPHY	FEATURELESS ----- FEATURES
SEDIMENT TEXTURE [and HARDNESS]	FINE ----- COARSE ----- [SOFT] ----- [HARD] ----- MUD ----- SAND ----- GRAVEL; SHELLS; BEDROCK
SUBSTRATE ROUGHNESS [and SURFACE AREA] · PHYSICAL · BIOLOGICAL	SMOOTH ----- ROUGH [LOW] ----- [HIGH] MUD ----- SAND ----- SHELLS; GRAVEL; BEDROCK --BURROWS-- ----- BEDFORMS ----- --STRUCTURES (TUBES and ATTACHED EPIFAUNA) -----
SUBSTRATE DYNAMICS · PHYSICAL mud, sand, shells · BIOLOGICAL ----- · PHYSICAL hard bottom · BIOLOGICAL	WEAK CURRENTS ----- STRONG CURRENTS ----- TIDAL; STORM; OTHER ----- STABLE SUBSTRATE ----- UNSTABLE SUBSTRATE MUD ----- SAND ----- ----- SAND and SHELL MOVEMENT ---- ADAPTED TO STABLE ----- and/or ----- MOVING SEDIMENT ----- STABLE SUBSTRATE ----- GRAVEL MOUNDS, BEDROCK, GRAVEL PAVEMENT ----- ADAPTED TO NON-MOVING SUBSTRATE
WATER COLUMN PRODUCTIVITY WATER DEPTH	STRATIFIED ----- MIXED LOW ----- HIGH DEEP ----- SHALLOW
HABITAT USAGE · by FAUNA · by FISHERS	SPAWNING, JUVENILE SURVIVAL, ADULT POPULATION ROUNDFISH, FLATFISH, BIVALVES (EPIFAUNAL, INFAUNAL) TARGET SPECIES and/or HABITATS using MOBILE GEAR, STATIONARY GEAR
FISHING IMPACTS · PHYSICAL · BIOLOGICAL	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES, TEXTURE, ROUGHNESS and SURFACE AREA, SUBSTRATE DYNAMICS ROUGHNESS and SURFACE AREA (TUBES and ATTACHED EPIFAUNA), BIODIVERSITY